Demolition case against the railways in Mumbai

†3444. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 722, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) the present status of the case pending in the court pertaining to demolition of a structure at Kalyan, Mumbai by the Railways; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Railways for expediting disposal of that case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The case is still *sub-judice.*

(b) All efforts are being made by the Railway to expedite the case as and when the court holds the hearing. Railway has given all the information desired by court timely to avoid any delay on Railway's account. Evidence of Railway has been completed and applicant has given his evidence. Applicant's advocate has sought some more time for filing written arguments.

Rail bridges in Andhra Pradesh

3445. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspections were carried out during 2001, to find out the rail bridges in Andhra Pradesh which need rebuilding, strengthened regirded etc., so as to keep them perfectly fit for rail traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what followup action has been taken thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inspections have been carried out, as per the instructions in vogue, of all the Railway Bridges at different levels such as Senior Section Engineer / Bridges, Assistant Engineers and Divisional Engineers and in some cases whem the problem warranted specific attention even at the level of Deputy Chief Engineer and Chief Bridge Engineer.

(c) As a result of these inspections, works have been prioritised into categories requiring immediate attention and others programmed to be undertaken

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